

Description of Spreadsheet Calculations for Populating Data Tables of the Ecological Risk Assessment (Appendix B of the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Document) for the Explosives Waste Treatment Facility (EWTF) at Site 300

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This ecological risk assessment (ERA) is a supplement to the human health risk assessment (HRA) for the Explosive Waste Treatment Facility (EWTF). The EWTF is located near the center of Site 300 in a small, isolated canyon (see Figures 2 through 6 in the text). The ERA described in detail in Appendix B was prepared in accordance with guidance on currently accepted practice provided by the Human and Ecological Risk Division (HERD) at the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DSTC) of the State of California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) in Sacramento, California.

The technical basis for this ERA is an analysis that involves a series of screening calculations to assess each of 21 contaminants of potential ecological concern (CPECs) for its potential to produce an adverse ecological impact in particular wildlife species, including vegetation, considered representative receptors of ecological interest (RREI) in the trophic levels of the food network at Site 300. This series of screening calculations is designed to illustrate whether CPECs identified as being of possible consequence in the most conservative screening calculation actually may be of lesser or no significance when more information is considered in subsequent screening calculations.

All of the series of screening calculations are based on a ratio between a soil concentration for a CPEC at a specific location (mg<sub>CPEC</sub>/kg<sub>soil</sub>) and a corresponding location-specific ecological soil screening level (ESSL<sub>LS</sub>; mg<sub>CPEC</sub>/kg<sub>soil</sub>). Such a ratio of concentration values for a CPEC is the location-specific ecological hazard quotient  $(EHQ_{LS})$  for that CPEC. Any EHQ<sub>LS</sub> that exceeds one indicates that the CPEC may be of possible consequence; however, the ESSL<sub>IS</sub> used as the denominator of the EHQ<sub>IS</sub> ratio may either be applicable to an individual RREI, or be a *most* conservative (lowest) value ESSL<sub>LS</sub> selected from among all of the ESSL<sub>LS</sub> values derived for each of the members of each RREI category (e.g., animal wildlife organisms, consisting of mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates; or vegetation, consisting of all plants). In this latter case, the  $EHQ_{LS}$  will be the most conservative one (i.e., the lowest  $ESSL_{LS}$  will appear as the denominator in each of the  $EHQ_{LS}$  calculations). Specifically, the location-specific most conservative (lowest) minimum ecological soil screening level (ESSL<sub>LS-min</sub>) value for a CPEC is that one selected from all of the ESSL<sub>IS-min</sub> values derived for each RREI, and each individual ESSL<sub>LS-min</sub> value for an RREI applicable to a particular CPEC is obtained using either the lowest toxic reference value (TRV<sub>Lo</sub>) available for that CPEC with respect to that RREI or an ESSL<sub>I.S-min</sub> already available in the literature. In this case, using this most conservative (lowest) ESSL<sub>LS-min</sub> as the denominator of the EHQ<sub>LS</sub> equation for a CPEC will yield an EHQ<sub>LS-max</sub> value for that CPEC that is the most conservative for the category of RREIs (e.g., animal wildlife organisms). Thus, any CPEC with an EHQ<sub>IS-max</sub> > 1 suggests it may be of potential consequence to an RREI or the food web and so that CPEC deserves further assessment. As part of that further assessment, some additional calculations were also performed.

The food network at Site 300 consists of nine different wildlife organisms plus vegetation, which represent a total of 10 individual RREIs across the different trophic levels. The nine RREIs composing wildlife organisms are one category of RREI and vegetation is another, due primarily to limitations in data with respect to deriving  $ESSL_{LS}$  values for CPECs for vegetation.

There are seven steps involved in performing the series of screening analyses that constitute this ERA analysis. These steps are described in Appendix B of the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment document for Site 300 (Gallegos et al., 2007, Volume 1). The calculations that produced the results for this ecological risk assessment that appear in Tables B-1 to B-23 were generated in four Microsoft Excel workbooks:

- ERACalcsforB-1toB-11;
- ERACalcsforB-12toB-16;
- ERACalcsforB-17min,B-18,B-20toB-21; and
- ERACalcsforB-17max,B-19,B-22toB-23.

Tables 1 through 4 in this document identify the locations in each Excel Workbook that yield results corresponding to information in Tables B-1 through B-23 of Appendix B. Accordingly, these tables, in combination with the four Excel workbooks mentioned make transparent the arithmetic involved in performing the calculations that were used for the ecological risk assessment applicable to the EWTF at Site 300.

**Table 1.** ERACalcsforB-1toB-11; containing data appearing in Tables B-1 through B-11 of Appendix B, including  $ESSL_{LS-min}$ ; and derived  $EHQ_{LS-max}$  values for CPECs applicable to animal and plant wildlife.

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B	
Table B-1	ChemINPUT	Cols. C, A, J	
(pp. B-24 & B-25)	MammalINPUT	Cols. C, A, E, F, G	
	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Cols. C, A, E, F, G	
<b>Table B-2</b> (p. B-26)	EcoReceptors	Cols. B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K	
Table B-3	ChemINPUT	Cols. C, A	
(p. B-27)	MammalINPUT	Cols. C, A, D, H	
	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Cols. C, A, D, H	
Table B-4	ChemINPUT	Cols. C	
(pp. B-28 & B-29)	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I	
	RANCH MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I	
	OtherLocs MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I	
	EWTF AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols. C, D, E, F	
	RANCH AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols. C, D, E, F	
	OtherLocs AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols. C, D, E, F	
Table B-5a: BAF regression coefficients and median values (p. 30)	BAF data	Cols. A through J (as applicable)	
Table B-5b: Location-specific BAF values for vegetation, invertebrates, and small mammals (pp. B-31 & B-32)	ChemINPUT: EWTF B812 B895 East Pasture Carnegie Ranch	Cols. K, L, M (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. N, O, P (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Q, R, S (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. T, U, V (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. W, X, Y (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Z, AA, AB (veg, INV, Sm. Mam)	

Table 1. (continued)

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-6a: Organism specific ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> for EWTF	ChemINPUT	Cols. C
	MammalINPUT	Col. H
location	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Col. H
(p. B-33)	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. C, J, K, L, M, N, O
	EWTF AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols. C, G, H, I
	INVERTessl	Cols. C, D
Table B-6b:	ChemINPUT	Cols. C
Organism specific ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> for Connolly	MammalINPUT	Col. H
Ranch location	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Col. H
(p. B-34)	Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. C, J, K, L, M, N, O
	Ranch AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols. C, G, H, I
	INVERTessi	Cols. C, D
Table B-7: ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> for all locations (p. B-35)	AllLoctnsEHQs	Cols. C; P, Q (EWTF); Z, AA (Ranch); AJ, AK (B812); AT, AU (B895); BD, BE (East Pasture); BN, BO (Carnegie)
Table B-8:	ChemINPUT	Cols. H, I, E, F, G, D
Modeled concentrations for chemicals of concern at all 6 locations (p. B-36)	ALLLocatnsEHQ	Cols. H, I, E, F, G, D
	PLANTSonly	Cols. H, I, E, F, G, D
Table B-9: EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> based on most conservative (lowest) ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> at all 6 locations (p. B-37)	ALLLocatnsEHQ	Cols. C; R (EWTF); AB (Ranch); AL (B812); AV (B895); BF (East Pasture); BP (Carnegie)

Table 1. (continued)

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name		nns in worksheet with data that r in specified table of App. B
Table B-10a:	ChemInput	Cols.	D, E, F, G, H, I
Kit Fox ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> at all 6 locations (pp. B-38 & B-39)	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols.	S (Modeled soil concentration) N (Kit Fox ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) T (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ EWTF)
	Ranch MammalRREI	Cols.	S (Modeled soil concentration) N (Kit Fox ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) T (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ Ranch)
	OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols.	S (Modeled soil concentration) N (Kit Fox ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) T (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ "location") W (Cumulative EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> )
Table B-10b:	ChemInput	Col.	D, E, F, G, H, I
Burrowing owl ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> at all 6 locations (pp. B-40 & B-41)	EWTF AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols.	M (Modeled soil concentration) H (Burrowing Owl ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) N (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ EWTF)
	RANCH AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols.	M (Modeled soil concentration) H (Burrowing Owl ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) N (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ Ranch)
	OtherLocs AVIAN_REPTILERREI	Cols.	M (Modeled soil concentration) H (Burrowing Owl ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ) N (EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> @ "location")
Table B-11:	ChemInput	Cols.	C, D, E, F, G, H, I
PLANTS—Comparing EHQ <sub>LS-min</sub> for MEASURED and MODELED soil concentrations (p. B-42)	PLANTSonly	Cols.	D-I (modeled soil concentration); N (measured soil concentration); J, K, L, M (ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> ); O (EHQ <sub>measured-max</sub> ); D, P (EWTF); E, Q (B812); F, R (B895); G, S (East Pasture); H, T (Carnegie); I, U (Ranch) P-U (modeled to measured ratios)

**Table 2.** ERACalcsforB-12toB-16; containing data appearing in Tables B-12 through B-16 of Appendix B, including ESSL<sub>LS-max</sub>; and derived EHQ<sub>LS-min</sub> values for CPECs applicable to vertebrate wildlife for which the EHQ<sub>LS-max</sub> > 1 in Table B-9.

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-12 Experimental test species (ETS) data	ChemINPUT	Cols. C, A, J
	MammalINPUT	Cols. C, A, E, F, G
including TRV <sub>ETS-Hi</sub> values (p. B-43)	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Cols. C, A, E, F, G
Table B-13a:	MammalINPUT	Col. G, H
TRV <sub>Hi</sub> values (including those for Al, Cd, Cu, Pb,	AVIAN_REPTILEINPUT	Col. G, H
and Zn) applicable to vertebrate wildlife RREIs	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I
(p. B-44)	Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I
	OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F, G, H, I
	EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F
	Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F
	OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. C, D, E, F
<b>Table B-13b:</b> ESSL <sub>LS-max</sub> values (p. B-45)	ChemINPUT: EWTF B812 B895 East Pasture Carnegie Ranch	Cols. K, L, M (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. N, O, P (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Q, R, S (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. T, U, V (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. W, X, Y (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Z, AA, AB (veg, INV, Sm. Mam)
	BAF data	Cols. A through J (as applicable)
	EcoReceptors	Cols. B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K
	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-13b (cont.): ESSL <sub>LS-max</sub> values	Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
(p. B-45)	OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	INVERTessi	Cols. C, D
Table B-14: RREI EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> (p. B-46)	ALLLocsEHQs	Cols. C, D; J–O (EWTF); Cols. C, I; T–Y (Ranch); Cols. C, E; AJ–AI (B812); Cols. C, F; AN–AS (B895) Cols. C, G; AX–BC (EstPstr) Cols. C, H; BH–BM (Crngie)
Table B-15: Most conservative (lowest)EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> (p. B-47)	ALLLocsEHQs	Cols. [C, D; J–O]; P, Q, R (EWTF); Cols. [C, I; T–Y]; Z, AA, AB (Ranch); Cols. [C, E; AJ–AI]; AJ, AK, AL (B812); Cols. [C, F; AN–AS]; AT, AU, AV (B895) Cols. [C, G; AX–BC]; BD, BE, BF (EstPstr) Cols. [C, H; BH–BM]; BN, BO, BP (Crngie)
<b>Table B-16a:</b> Kit Fox ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and	EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. S, N T
EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> (p. B-48)	Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. S, N, T
	OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. S, N, T
Table B-16b: Burrowing Owl ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> (p. B-49)	EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. M, H, N
	Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. M, H, N
	OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. M, H, N

**Table 3.** ERACalcsforB-17min, B-18, B-20 to B-21; containing data appearing in Tables B-17a; 17b for ESSL<sub>LS-min</sub>, B-18 [EHQ<sub>LS-max</sub>], B-20 through B-21 of Appendix B for measured concentrations of metals.

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-17a: Site 300 Measured concentrations and BAFs (p. B-50)	ChemINPUT	Cols. C; Cols. K, L, M(veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. N, O, P (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Q, R, S (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. T, U, V(veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. W, X, Y (veg, INV, Sm. Mam) Cols. Z, AA, AB (veg, INV, Sm. Mam)
	BAF data	Cols. A through J (as applicable)
Table B-17b: Site 300; RREI specific ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub>	S300EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
(p. B-51)	S300Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	S300OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	S300EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	S300Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	S300OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	INVERTessI	Cols. C; D
Table B-18: Comparing EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> for Site 300 MEASURED and location MODELED soil concentrations with respect to mammals and avian species and contributions (p. B-52)	S300ALLLocatns EHQs&Ratios	Col. C (Item Nos. 10-16); Cols. P, Q, R; AB, AC, AD; AN, AO, AP; AZ, BA, BB; BL, BM, BN; BX, BY, BZ (ESSL <sub>Site300-min(measured)</sub> ; Org.; EHQ <sub>Site300-max(measured)</sub> ) Cols. S, T (EHQ <sub>EWTF-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. AE, AF (EHQ <sub>Ranch-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. AQ, AR (EHQ <sub>B812-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. BC, BD (EHQ <sub>B895f-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. BO, BP (EHQ <sub>EstPstr-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. CA, CB (EHQ <sub>Crnge-max(modeled)</sub> and ratio)

Table 3. (continued)

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-20: ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> for Kit Fox based on Site 300 measured soil concentrations (p. B-54)	S300EWTF MammalRREI S300Ranch MammalRREI S300OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. C, S, N, T Cols. C, S, N, T Cols. C, S, N, T and W
Table B-21: ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-max</sub> for Burrowing Owl based on Site 300 measured soil concentrations (p. B-54)	S300EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI S300Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI S300OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. C, M, H, N Cols. C, M, H, N Cols. C, M, H, N and Q

**Table 4.** ERACalcsforB-17*max*, B-19, B-22 to B-23; containing data appearing in Tables B-17b for  $ESSL_{LS-max}$ , B-19 [EHQ<sub>LS-min</sub>], B-22 through B-23 of Appendix B for measured concentrations of metals.

Table in App. B of EWTF Report (Gallegos et al., 2007)	Worksheet name	Columns in worksheet with data that appear in specified table of App. B
Table B-17b: Site 300; RREI specific	S300EWTF MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
ESSL <sub>LS-max</sub> (p. B-51)	S300Ranch MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	S300OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. J, K, L, M, N, O
	S300EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	S300Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	S300OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. G, H, I
	INVERTessi	Cols. C; D
Table B-19: Comparing EHQ <sub>LS-min</sub> for Site 300 MEASURED and location MODELED soil concentrations with respect to mammals and avian species <i>and contributions</i> (p. B-53)	S300ALLLocatns EHQs&Ratios	Col. C (rows 10-16); Cols. P, Q, R; AB, AC, AD; AN, AO, AP; AZ, BA, BB; BL, BM, BN; BX, BY, BZ (ESSL <sub>Site300-max(measured)</sub> ; Org.; EHQ <sub>Site300-min(measured)</sub> ) Cols. S, T (EHQ <sub>EWTF-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. AE, AF (EHQ <sub>Ranch-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. AQ, AR (EHQ <sub>B812-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. BC, BD (EHQ <sub>B895-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. BO, BP (EHQ <sub>EstPstr-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio) Cols. CA, CB (EHQ <sub>Crnge-min(modeled)</sub> and ratio)
Table B-22: ESSL <sub>LS-max</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-min</sub> for Kit Fox based on Site 300 measured soil concentrations (p. B-55)	S300EWTF MammalRREI S300Ranch MammalRREI S300OtherLoc MammalRREI	Cols. C, S, N, T  Cols. C, S, N, T (same as previous)  Cols. C, S, N, T and W (same as previous)
Table B-23: ESSL <sub>LS-min</sub> and EHQ <sub>LS-min</sub> for Burrowing Owl based on Site 300 measured soil concentrations (p. B-55)	S300EWTF AVIAN_ReptileRREI S300Ranch AVIAN_ReptileRREI S300OtherLoc AVIAN_ReptileRREI	Cols. C, M, H, N Cols. C, M, H, N Cols. C, M, H, N and Q

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